[2nd March 1959

Houses for Harijans

* 92 *Q*.—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN (on behalf of Sri V. M. Surendram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of houses constructed for Harijans in the State during the years 1956–57 and 1957–58; and

(*b*) the amount received from the Centre for this purpose?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN :

(*a*)	1956–57	..	3,080
	1957–58	..	3,095
(*b*)	1956–57	..	Rs. 8·93 lakhs
	1957–58	..	Rs. 9·28 lakhs

Contribution to the Provident Fund

* 94 *Q*.—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any limit has been fixed for contribution by teachers in the service of local bodies to the Provident Fund; and

(*b*) if so, what it is and whether that limit is applicable to teachers in aided institutions also?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Not less than 6¼ per cent of emoluments and not more than 15-5/8 per cent. This variable rate is not applicable to teachers in aided institutions. The teachers serving in recognized schools under private management can contribute only at the fixed rate of 6¼ per cent of their substantive pay.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know why the Government are not permitting teachers of aided schools to contribute more than 6¼ per cent while they permit teachers in local board schools to contribute more than 6¼ per cent?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : Sir, a separate question may be put.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

Note:—An asterisk * at the commencement of a speach indicates rivision by the Member.]

II.—GOVERNMENT MOTIONS.

(1) ELECTION OF NINE MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I move—

" That, with reference to rule 154 of the Madras Council Rules, this Council do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. Chairman to elect nine members to be members of the Committee of Privileges for the financial year 1959–60."